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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 2094

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR

SUBJECT: TERRORISTS ATTACK POLICE POST

1. IN THE MIDST OF THE GOA OPERATION UTILIZING 4,000 MEN TO PUT DOWN THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED "SUBVERSIVE PLOT" IN THE INDUSTRIAL BELT ALONG THE RIO PARANA, TERRORISTS HAVE ASSASSINATED A POLICEMAN, ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OVER TWO POLICE POSTS AND AMBUSHED SOME ARMORED VEHICLES.

2. ON MARCH 24, IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION, A GROUP ESTIMATED AT 60 STRONG TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE VILLA CONSTITUTION POLICE STATION. AFTER AN HOUR-LONG GUN BATTLE IN WHICH TEN THOUSAND ROUNDS WERE ALLEGEDLY EXCHANGED, THE ATTACKERS FLED WITHOUT OBTAINING THEIR OBJECTIVE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

3. COMMENT. HOW THE TERRORISTS COULD CONDUCT AN HOUR-LONG GUN BATTLE IN THE HEART OF THE AREA WHERE POLICE ARE CONDUCTING AN ANTITERRORIST DRAGNET WITHOUT HITTING ANYONE IS PUZZLING TO SAY THE LEAST. EITHER THE TERRORISTS WERE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR STRENGTH AND FREEDOM OF ACTION (AND SUCCEEDED) OR THE GOA STAGED THE ATTACK TO BOLSTER ITS CLAIM ABOUT THE
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